

## CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

### MINUTES

The Continuing Education Committee of the Virginia Board for Architects, Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, Certified Interior Designers and Landscape Architects met on April 3, 2007, at the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation, 3600 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia, with the following members present:

Vaughn B. Rinner, Chair  
John S. Clark, Jr.  
Nico De León  
Lorri B. Finn  
Nancy E. McIntyre

Staff present for all or part of the meeting:

Mark N. Courtney, Executive Director  
Marian H. Brooks, Program Administrator

No representative was present from the Office of the Attorney General.

Ms. Rinner called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

Mr. Clark moved to approve the agenda. Ms. McIntyre seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, De León, Finn, McIntyre, and Rinner.

Duncan Abernathy of the Virginia Society of the American Institute of Architects (VSAIA) stated he thought that instructors/developers of courses should be permitted credit for up to twice the amount of credit that students taking a course would be awarded.

Kurt Clemente of the Virginia Council of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) expressed concerns regarding acceptable providers of continuing education activities and excessive documentation requirements. Mr. Clemente also recommended the Board accept courses from engineering associations.

Mr. Courtney provided an e-mail from Amy Wyks with her suggestions to the Committee members.

#### **Call to Order**

#### **Approval of Agenda**

#### **Public Comment Period**

After discussion and amendments to the draft wording, Mr. Clark moved to adopt the amended draft wording for consideration by the APELSCIDLA Board at its next meeting on June 14, 2007. Ms. McIntyre seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by members: Clark, De León, Finn, McIntyre, and Rinner.

**Review & Discussion  
of Proposed Wording**

The Committee members agreed by consensus that another Committee meeting was not necessary.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

Bill Tiedemann of IEEE expressed a concern that teaching done by faculty at colleges and universities may not be acceptable under the current wording.

**Public Comment  
Period**

Phil Nester of the Virginia Association of Surveyors (VAS) expressed his appreciation to the committee for not limiting acceptable coursework to “technical” topics only. Mr. Nester suggested the Committee consider preapproval of sponsors and/or courses.

David Holland, the County Surveyor for Henrico County, also recommended the Committee consider preapproval of sponsors and/or courses.

Frank R. “Chip” Richardson, II, Chair of the Education Committee of VAS, also recommended the Committee consider preapproval of sponsors and/or courses.

Sam Kirby of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) stated that he believed a definition of “business practices,” as used in subsection C.1 of 18 VAC 10-20-683, was necessary to avoid confusion.

Ed Westerman of Clark Nexsen, representing the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers (VSPE), stated that he believed the limit of 25% contained in subsection C.1 of 18 VAC 10-20-683 should be raised to 50%. In addition, he inquired as to whether courses on ethics would be acceptable and he believed that information on acceptable records should be included in subsection D.2 of 18 VAC 10-20-683.

Susan Watson of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) indicated water works operators have had a continuing education requirement since 2000 and sponsors and courses are not preapproved and it has not been a problem; course providers are able to comply with the defined requirements.

Duncan Abernathy of VSAIA stated that: explicit language regarding multi-license holders was warranted; an explicit end date should be included for the sunrise provisions; and credit for publishing should be allowed.

The Committee members asked several follow-up questions and clarified some of the requirements with the commenters.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

**Adjourn**

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Vaughn B. Rinner, Chair

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Jay W. DeBoer, Secretary